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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
OFFICE OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES

10 November 1952

STAFF MEMORANDUM NO. 286

SUBJECT: Post-Mortem on NIE-35/2: "Probable Developments in Indochina through Mid-1953," dated 29 August 1952

1. O/NE requested that NIE-35/2 be undertaken 9 June 1952; the IAC so directed 11 June; agreed terms of reference were distributed 20 June; all contributions were received by 31 July; the final text was approved by the IAC on 28 August. The [REDACTED] did not discuss the estimate.

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2. There were four major drafts of this estimate. It was originally intended that the estimate on the tactical military situation would run through mid-1953, but that attention would be given on a longer range basis to Vietnamese developments and French capabilities and intentions. Although these latter questions were considered in the preparation of the estimate, it was agreed that there was insufficient evidence to project the estimate beyond mid-1953. Unlike NIE-35/1, there were no major substantive differences encountered in the preparation of the estimate.

3. The intelligence gaps encountered in the preceding estimate, NIE-35/1, were again evident in the preparation of NIE-35/2. No intelligence weaknesses were met, however, which had not previously been indicated in the post-mortem on NIE-35/1.

4. Recommendation:

That the Board recommend to the IAC agencies that no post-mortem be made on NIE-35/2.

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